REQUIRED   **Descriptor Code: ACDA**

ACCEPTABLE USE

The **Edmore School District** believes network access plays an important role in the education of students; however, the network also contains content that is not appropriate for students and staff. The District has taken precautions, in accordance with federal law, to restrict students and staff access to obscene, pornographic, and/or harmful information through the use of software designed to block sites containing inappropriate material. While the District has taken preventive measures, it recognizes that it is not possible to fully guarantee that students and/or staff will never access objectionable materials.

Education
The District shall provide education to students and staff about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites, as well as, cyberbullying awareness and response.

Monitoring Use
Network access is a privilege, not a right. Network storage areas shall be subject to the same scrutiny as school lockers for students. Students and staff shall have no expectations of privacy when using district computers and/or networks and shall use this technology solely for classroom/district-related purposes. Network administrators may view files and communications to maintain the integrity of the system and to ensure proper and responsible use of the system. Teachers and administrators will exercise supervision of student use.

Prohibitions
The Edmore School District subscribes to the acceptable use policies of EduTech. All district computer users shall abide by this policy. The Superintendent or designee may take disciplinary measures when any of the following actions occur:
1. Accessing, downloading, or publishing inappropriate Internet material;
2. Sending or posting threatening, harassing, insulting, annoying or alarming content;
3. Sending, posting, or using obscene language;
4. Violating the privacy rights of students and employees of the District;
5. Vandalizing and/or tampering with district computers, and/or networks;
6. Hacking or any other form of unauthorized access to accounts, computer systems, or files;
7. Attempting to breach network security or transmit viruses;
8. Violating copyright, trademark, trade secret, or other intellectual property laws;
9. Using the network for political purposes as defined by state law, financial gain, and/or commercial purposes;

10.   Other actions deemed inappropriate or is not in the best interest of the District, its employees, and students.

Violations

Violations of this policy, or any federal/state law, rule or regulation, may result in loss of network privileges, as well as further disciplinary action up to and including suspension or expulsion for students or termination of employment for staff, as determined by the Superintendent or designee.

Consent

All students and staff must consent to this policy in writing prior to accessing district networks, computers, and/or other technologies.

Complementing NDSBA Templates (may contain items not adopted by the Board)
- DE, Staff Conduct
- FF, Student Conduct & Discipline
- FF-AR, Student Conduct Standards & Disciplinary Procedures
- FFK, Suspension & Expulsion
- FFK-BR, Suspension & Expulsion Regulations

End of Edmore Policy ACDA .... **Adopted: 11/13/2012**
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